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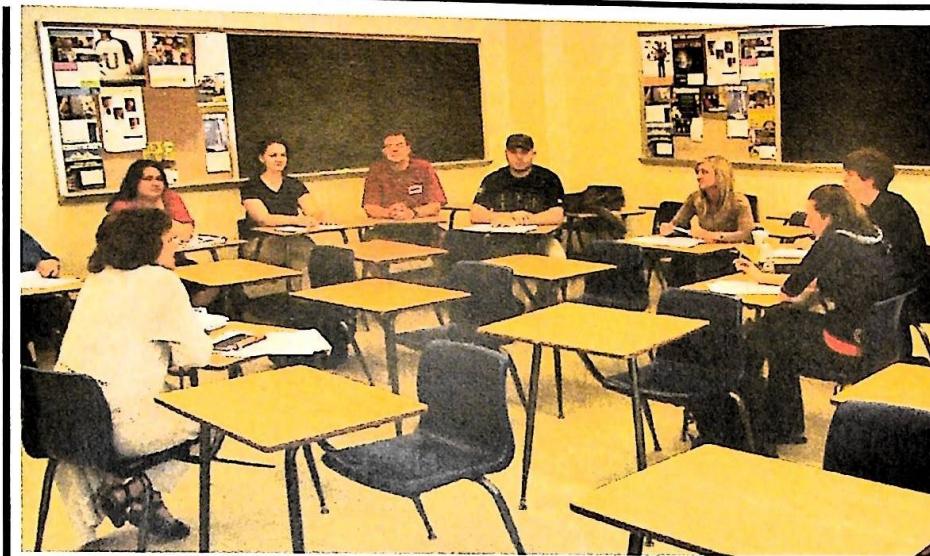


Students slip and slide at "It's a Knockout!"

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Katherine Fischer leads discussion in her Writers Round Table class.
photo by Dave Beals

Writers of the Round Table

dave beals
staff writer

Most of you missed out on one of Clarke's best-kept secrets on Sunday, April 18. The minute you walked into the Mary Fran solarium and people called out your name and waved to you, you knew you were at something special. You sat down in a comfortable chair and conversed with friends and relaxed. The energy was noticeable and even contagious. The only thing missing was more people. There were plenty of empty chairs in spite of the fact that some of Clarke's premier writers were about to read some of their finest works. The Writers' Roundtable class presented their readings to a small audience and were led by their energetic teacher, Katherine Fischer, chair of the English department.

Throughout the night the audience was delighted by the wide variety, and highly imaginative, writing of these gifted young writers. From junior Shannon Stedwell's fantastic, action-packed, sci-fi thriller with its unusual character names to James Mueller's touching story of living through a son's life-threatening condition to Courtney Bryson's excellent tale of life in a 1968 subdivision, there was a lot to enjoy.

English major Shannon led the night off with her intriguing story about a futuristic war between humans and alien races. I won't tell you more because you have to read it for yourself. All I know is that I can't wait to hear more.

"I would definitely recommend the Writers' Roundtable class to others," Shannon said. "It gives you a chance to really express yourself and to try out any kind of project that you are working on."

It was the vast differences in the stories that made the evening so enjoyable. There was a crime drama set in the Dubuque area by junior Ron Borel, an English Major.

"I actually planned this as a screenplay," said Ron. "But the teacher wanted me to prepare it as a novel for class discussion. I believe Writers' Roundtable has been one of the most valuable experiences I've had in my academic career. I would recommend it to any student who is serious about the craft of writing."

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A radio station in Clarke's future?

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arts etc. editor

If Clarke students have spent any time at all in the SAC, they're sure to have noticed the first-floor room next to the ID center and under the stairs. The lights are rarely on and the door always locked. The windows are covered with band promotions, fliers and concert dates. This, ladies and gentlemen, is the home of Clarke Radio.

This may sound like a great addition to the campus, but the airwaves have been fairly absent of Clarke personalities recently.

Bjorn Bjornstead, senior graphic design and psy-

chology major, has been highly active this past year working in the radio room in an attempt to draw in more listeners and interested workers.

"I wanted to produce my own show, but the station has taken up so much time I haven't been able to," said Bjorn. "But I'm just as happy to pass on the opportunity to the next generation of students."

A typical day for Bjorn includes making sure the equipment is all up and running. The most frequent issue is maintaining the levels into the computer. It's

kind of hit or miss whether you're going to get the sound you want produced. As a result, Bjorn learned a ton about audio mixing, editing etc.

"After the film 'Pirate Radio' was released, I felt like a Pirate DJ," Bjorn said. "I'm really excited to have been a part of getting it running again."

Not limited to any particular group, participation in Clarke's radio station is open to students of all majors.

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Clarke students to attend World Cup

kylee miller
editor

A ticket to the World Cup final costs \$5,000 and over 3 million people around the world are willing to pay for it. For the six Clarke students attending this summer's World Cup, the \$30 fee for regular play games is a bit more reasonable. This is the first time an African country has ever hosted a World Cup and it is expected to be one of the most-watched events in history.

"It's a great opportunity for an African country to step up to the plate and host the Cup," said sophomore business major Peter Bayliss who plans to attend. "If the World Cup is a success in South Africa, I feel it would help both the continent of Africa and the country itself to move forward."

Peter predicts his home nation of England will be victorious this year. Freshman education and English major Mick Baran, a native of South Africa who also plans to attend, thinks his country has a chance. "They have the talent," he said. "We're just in for some tough pool play."

Getting ready for each game is serious business for fans. "Preparations typically begin a few hours before the game," said Peter. "The fans flood the streets wearing their national colors, singing songs and consuming vast amounts of alcohol."

Clarke is preparing for the World Cup with a trivia contest. Sophomore sports management major Maria Vilar won the contest and the prize of a brand new Spain jersey. "Spain is going to win for sure!" the Venezuelan native said.

The team predicted to win the World Cup is, of course, Brazil, but Spain, Argentina, England, and the Netherlands will make a run for the title. Spain is an extremely talented team with a dynamite attack, but the team showed its faults last summer when it lost to the United States in the Confederations Cup.

Argentina will be led by Lionel Messi who is doing big things for FC Barcelona and will be difficult to stop this summer. England has all the right players to bring home the trophy, but they are the Chicago Cubs of soccer and seem to lose it all right at the end. Finally, the Netherlands a top team in the world, should make a run but, they have come up short in the past at big tournaments. The winner cannot be predicted, but one thing is sure; it will be a very entertaining tournament.

The World Cup begins on June 11 with the game between Mexico and South Africa.



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A Senior Editor's Farewell

justin curry
editor

At the end of our journey at Clarke we will receive a piece of paper. It will basically declare that we did well enough to associate ourselves with a particular category; mine is going to say something about Bachelors of Arts in Communication, but yours might say biology, special education, drama, or another major that Clarke offers. As my time is coming to an end at Clarke, I am constantly reflecting on my past four years, and like so many of you, have two main questions in my head: What could I have done better? Where do I go from here? I am going to attempt to answer these questions for you now.

I always imagine if I could go back in time and visit my freshman self, I would start shaking him and yelling at him to pay attention, exercise regularly, don't party excessively, and most regrettably, ask the pretty girl out. But I can't, so my advice is to not to get stuck in thoughts of what you could have done better or differently, because usually it is as useful as chewing gum to solve world hunger. We take control of what we can, and have to realize what is out of our hands and what is just nature taking its course. Instead of focusing on what you could have done better, recognize that what you did here was pretty amazing. No matter what you did, no one else did the same thing. They might have had the same journey, but won't leave with the same stories and memories.

“I always imagine if I could go back in time and visit my freshman self”

The second question isn't so easily answered. In person, I would probably tell you to go look up the many songs lyrics available on Google and figure it out like the rest of us are. But currently I am reminded of an old adage, "All good things come to an end." In other words, you knew today would eventually get here, so what are you going to do now?

Whatever you want. Want to get a job? Submit your resume everywhere. Want to get married? Go on e-Harmony and peruse the merchandise. Want to drop everything and become a ninja? Then go ahead, enroll in karate at your local YMCA. You really can do whatever you want. The problem is just knowing what you want to do.

At Clarke I learned more about myself over these past four years than any textbook I skimmed tried to teach me. Now that I am leaving I am recognizing how I have changed and how I did things here that I can't do anywhere else. I am going to miss a lot of things I did at Clarke, and of course, it is the little things I will miss the most; my private dance sessions in the Mary Fran elevator, getting psyched to play intramural sports even though I have never won a game, playing videogames past 3 a.m. even if I had class at 8 a.m. the next morning, and occasionally, cancelling every-

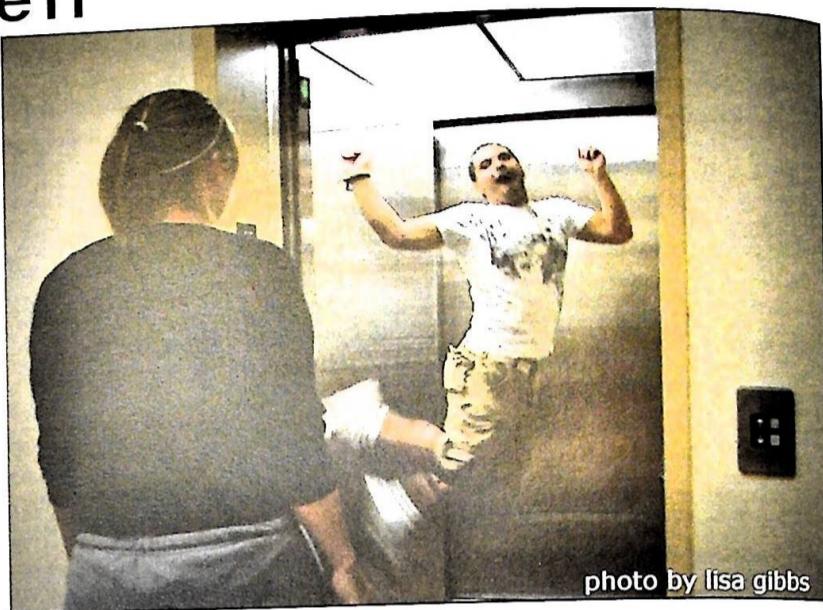


photo by lisa gibbs

The term "dancing" is in the eyes of the beholder...

thing for no better reason than that the sun is out. As much as I might regret publishing this later, we can all relate to the feeling of wanting to drop everything and bask in the sun or just being weird for the sake of expressing who you are. I feel the college years were the best time for getting away with these decisions with only minor consequences.

Most of us who are leaving have a melting pot of emotions, whether the feelings are ecstatic, anxious, nervous, or eager. We are trying to juggle these feelings while reminiscing about the past and focusing on the future, trying not to get stuck in either of them. Entering this quarter-life crisis is a scary but necessary part in our life; hopefully we all make it through effortlessly and successfully.

But to bring this farewell to an end, here I am, raising an imaginary drink in my hand to you, the reader. Here is to Clarke seniors who are leaving for bigger and better things, the faculty that molded us through our every interaction, and the staff who put up with us with a smile. And to the rest of you who remain, embrace this cliché: Take in as many experiences as you can now. College is the best time to experiment and evoke

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One of the evening's two non-fiction readings was by junior Jess Leonard, an English major. She told about living with an abusive boyfriend in a poignant way that drew you into her world.

"My story actually began at an early age when I had to deal with an alcoholic parent," said Jess. "The things we witness early in life can come back and affect us later, even if we don't see the connection between the events at first."

Next came senior James Mueller's memoir about his special needs son which brought tears to many eyes.

We went from tears to sophomore Kayla Schnobelen's teenage thriller. Kayla is an English and secondary education major. In her tale of a girl living a double life, her attention to detail brought the scene alive and made you wonder what would happen next.

"I never expected to form such a strong bond with my classmates," said Kayla. "Our writing styles are so vastly different, but we have formed this little family. I didn't really expect that, and it has grown to be one of my favorite parts of the experience."

Junior Katie Gross, an art major with a writing minor, read her story of a parallel universe where male parakeets lay eggs and the government does genetic engineering.

"I hope to be published someday, but not with this story," Katie said. "I'm working on a more serious project now that deals with how to draw fantastical creatures."

Then there was junior Brenden West's surreal futuristic tale commenting on the degenerating values of our society and how, in the future, the sexual experience will be dehumanized until we have nothing left but

one-time encounters, leaving us empty and alone. "I wanted to show one way we might evolve as a society if current trends continue," said Brenden, a communication major.

Next was a coming-of-age story by junior Will Kelly, an art major with a writing minor.

Fischer then introduced the last writer with the standard: "But not the least." She wasn't just using a cliché. Senior Courtney Bryson read an amazing excerpt from the novel she is writing. "My novel is told through the eyes of a daughter as she reminisces about the 1968 subdivision where she grew up," said Courtney, who is an

English and secondary education major. She captures growing up in the late 1960s surprisingly well for a young person. Her attention to detail and her grasp of characterization brought her story to life in a way that belies her youth and inexperience.

It's not only her writing skills that have developed in the Writers' Roundtable class but her critiquing skills as well. "Examining other students' writing has allowed me to recognize things within my own," Courtney said.

The energy at the readings was also apparent in the Writers' Roundtable classroom the next day. It flowed from Fischer to the students, around



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Hello, Good

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staff writer

I happens just the same year. The school year with incoming freshmen is fresh at Clarke, and ends with those who have graduated. There are those who manage to complete their three years. But the rest of us can manage to complete their four, even five or more years before we leave. Year after year we are those older than us graduate, and those who are seniors are getting ready for the next phase of our life. Now, there are many who are seniors and are getting ready for the next phase of our life, whether it be school, a new job, or something else. The 2010 seniors have begun the next phase of our life, and I remember starting Clarke as a freshman. It was a new experience, a new man what seems like not too long ago. I was ready to begin my life at Clarke. Now, there are many who are looking back on our years at Clarke and getting ready to begin the next phase of our life, whether it be school, a new job, or something else. 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Hello, Goodbye: A Reflection on the 2010 School Year

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It happens just the same every year. The school year begins with incoming freshmen starting fresh at Clarke, and ends with the "old ones" graduating after who-knows-how-many years. There are those that can manage to complete their degree in three years. But the rest of us may take four, even five or more years before we leave. Year after year we watch those older than us graduate and begin their next phase in life. Now, those of us who are seniors are getting ready to begin the next phase of our lives.

I remember starting Clarke as a freshman what seems like not too long ago. It was a new experience, a new place and I was ready to begin my journey at Clarke. Now, there are many of us who are looking back on our years at Clarke and getting ready to begin the next phase in life, whether it be graduate school, a new job, or something else. The 2010 seniors have made

memories that they will both take with them and leave at Clarke.

"I'm going to miss everyone in the biology department," said senior biology major Megan Clayton. "I've made a lot of memories here in the past couple of years, and there are many things about Clarke that I'm going to miss once I graduate. I'm going to miss not having to go outside when the weather is bad and also always having my friends right next door."

Thinking about it now, I can't believe how fast my four years at Clarke have gone. I remember right before I started college, many people told me to enjoy college because it goes by way too fast. At that time, I thought those people were crazy. Completing your college degree seems it will take such a long time when you are at the bottom and are looking at the all the years you have yet to complete. But, I was definitely wrong there. I can't believe that four years ago now I was thinking about the exciting new phase of college, and now I am thinking about the exciting new phase of, should I say, being a grown up?

"As a December graduate this year, I have already experienced missing many things about Clarke," said senior elementary and special education graduate Kayla Demmer. "I miss seeing my best friends every day, eating together, doing events and having classes together. It's definitely strange to be off on your own and not near them like I was for the past four years."

There were also people who told me about all the great people I would meet in college, and that is true beyond words. The professors at Clarke are truly here for the students and are willing to go above and beyond. I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of really amazing people, whether they were professors, Clarke staff, or students.

"I am really going to miss the people in general, from all my friends to all the teachers and coaches," said senior athletic training major Jason Feldman.

Making the decision to come to Clarke was the right choice for me. I came to Clarke being unsure what I wanted to do in the future. Now, four years later, I feel like I have a greater grasp of what I want to do in life and I know coming to Clarke helped shape me into who I am today.

There are also seniors who are graduating, but because they are in the physical therapy program, they will be at Clarke for two more years. For them it is a combination of feelings. They too are graduating, but instead of leaving with many of their friends, they will be continuing their graduate program here.

"Although I'm graduating this year as a biology major, I'll be here for two more years as a physical therapy student," said senior Erin Koenen. "I like the small community atmosphere and the people I've met along the way. Some of them are graduating so it will be different without them next year. Continuing in the physical therapy program will be exciting and I'm looking forward to the next few years here."

The people at Clarke are what make it a great place. The close-knit environment and community Clarke provides is like nothing else. Walking anywhere on campus, there is always someone saying hi to you or someone holding the door for you. These small gestures may not seem like much, but next year I may need to visit just to be reminded of the great atmosphere Clarke's campus evokes.

Clarke has helped me grow in more ways than one. It has taught me to believe in myself and what I want to pursue in life. It has taught me the importance of an education. But more than anything, Clarke has shown me the influence others can have in our lives.

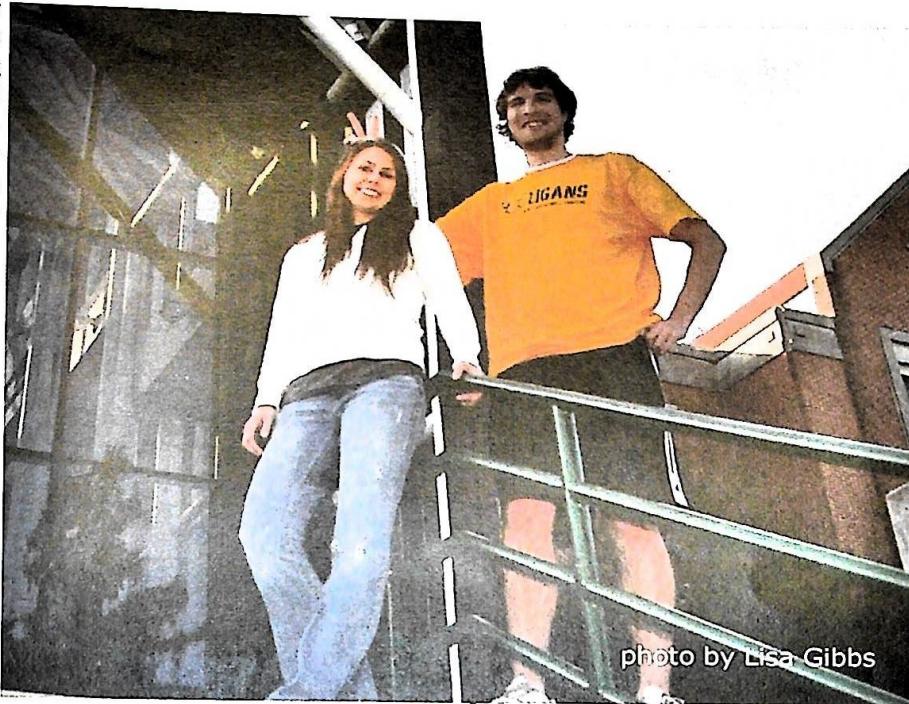


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Freshman year at college is considered to be one of the biggest changes in a person's life. Your parents aren't around, you have to do your own laundry, and you have to budget your time. It's hard on everyone. And don't forget the parents. They have raised you, prepared you, and are paying for you, and now it's time for that to pay off.

Once you say your goodbyes, Mom goes through her box of tissues, and you realize that this is the real deal: The most ridiculous, cruel and unusual, excruciating, agonizing torture they call college. For all college students, freshman year brings many expectations, both good and bad.

"I came to college to meet new people and get a good start on my degree," says freshman biology major Maria Covington. "I achieved both."

"College gave me a chance to be involved in campus activities and meet people," says freshman education Ben Dolan. "I think it's pretty safe to say I was able to do that. My first year was very good. I knew the academics would be a challenge, but in general, it was a very fun time."

Many students struggle in their first year of college because it is such a drastic change in their lives. There are no longer parents there for them to make sure their grades are where they should be.

"I wish I knew before I came to school how many things there are in place to help you out if you struggle," says Ben. "I found out second semester, but I wish I knew about it and used those resources first semester."

Not only is college a time for change and challenging academics, it is also a time for fun. Many memories are made every year by every freshman.

It's a tie for my favorite memory this year," says Maria. "It has to be playing tackle ultimate Frisbee with my friends or spilling fish water on Cody Gallagher in biology class. It was a complete accident, but it was hilarious."

Sometime, however, the word "freshman" has a negative connotation. Freshmen are, after all, the lowest on the food chain and can give people a scapegoat. Some don't even use the word.

The record-setting men's volleyball team says that there are no freshmen on the team, only first years.

"I like that," says freshman education major Ryan Thomas. "Because it means there is no one on the team who is better than anyone else just because of how long they've been here."

One aspect of Clarke that is unique is that there is one thing all students agree on, the friendly atmosphere.

"I love the environment," says Ben. "It is without a doubt my favorite part of Clarke. Everyone is so friendly that it makes you friendlier. I know it sounds cheesy, but it's more true than you might realize."

Have a great summer!



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CAMPUS LIFE

April 29, 2010 MAY DAZE HITS CLARKE



photos by catherine savitch

Once again held in the Kehl Center due to weather, May Daze was a success. Every club in the CSA was required to host a booth at the event on Saturday April 24. Some of the most-visited booths were the dunk tank hosted by the freshman class, the tricycle races hosted by COSPT, and the Clarke bear booth hosted by CREATE. Following the carnival, there was a Casino Night where numerous prizes were auctioned off.

Graphic design prof Al Grivetti retires

pete dudek
arts etc. editor

In December, Al Grivetti, who developed the graphic design program at Clarke, retired after 12 years of teaching.



I was at Clarke...

a short time. I was hired by then Art department chair, Sr. Joan Lingen, to establish and integrate a graphic design program of courses into a well established and distinguished, fine art department. I was also given the opportunity to set up and manage the graphic design computer studio. As a part of Clarke's esteemed history I hope what is remembered about my tenure is not how long it was, but rather the quality of the program that was established, the creative character of the design graduates who dared to venture into this program, and the program's dedication to accurate and creative problem solving.

My favorite memory of Clarke...

is receiving visits and communications from graphic design alumni who are working in the profession and now creating their own design careers. To have been a part of their journey is a great privilege. (I do have to add being surprised and honored by a junior class of graphic design students, "Al's Pals," by name. For class they dressed up to look like me — white shirt, tie, glasses, hair a mess, and of course, several pens in my shirt pocket. I won't go into their mannerisms display. I was very flattered.)

The students at Clarke...

have been wonderful, gracious and helpful participants in the crazy experiment that is the life of Al. They are my legacy. Thanks for putting up with me for as long as you did.

I will miss...

interacting with the students and my colleagues who have energized me with their creative vision, dedication and enthusiasm. And the Love Shack, EKH 201.

The graphic design field...

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has changed dramatically over the short time I have been associated with it. It continues to mutate as technological advancements in digital media, print, multimedia, and electronic communication escalate. Because of technological advancements, many previous communication production skills have been consolidated under the job, graphic designer. At the same time, visual literacy and design are no longer the sacred domain of graphic designers. All disciplines now expect their disciples to possess a degree of graphic technology skill, and the ability to use that technology in an effective manner. These assumed expectations have emerged from easy access to visual technology and software, ease of use through a graphical interface versus code input, and greater awareness and importance applied to the impact of quality graphic design on recent culture. Put together, the graphic design field has been strengthened and diluted by these advances. Strengthened, because the technological advances have made available exciting and amazing ways to communicate to more people. Diluted because the tools to design are so accessible that many people consider themselves graphic designers without any verifiable justification other than, "I have a computer and some software."

Dubuque has been...
a wonderful place to live, work and grow. It is a city poised for greatness, through forward-thinking leadership, progressive development, and expanding employment opportunities. Over the past decade the investments and growth in the city have been phenomenal. In spite of troubled

times and economic downturns, Dubuque has continued to press forward.

I chose this time to retire because...

I have been teaching or going to grad school for the past 38 years. During this break from teaching I intend to initiate several projects that I have wanted to explore for some time.

I look forward to...

spending more time with my wonderful wife, Mary, taking part in more service opportunities doing graphic design projects I have been thinking about, finishing my landscape makeover, getting to the several home improvement projects that have been pushed to the back burner, and fishing and boating in northern Wisconsin.

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Student seeks campus Jaycees chapter in DBQ

lisa gibbs
staff writer

Jaycees is an international organization that already has a Dubuque chapter, but a Clarke student would like to bring together the three colleges in the Dubuque area-Clarke, Loras, and University of Dubuque--in a joint chapter. The Jaycees is an organization that focuses on community service, professional and personal development, and management skills. Jaycees stands for "junior chamber of commerce."

"I would really like to get involved in the community and get the colleges together," said junior Jenny Fuller, a business major at Clarke.

"Both of my parents were very involved in Jaycees as I grew up and they fully believe in the organization," she said. The tri-college Jaycees would have an age requirement of 18 or older and students from Clarke, Loras, and University of Dubuque. There would be an annual membership fee, yet to be decided. To get the tri-college chapter off the ground there needs to be 20 people with interest in the organization. There would need to be roughly six or seven students from each school to reach the needed number of people.

"The Jaycees is great for networking and looks great on a resume too," said Jenny. She said the student Jaycees would provide amazing potential to build an outstanding resume. "I had an interview and I was asked about the Jaycees. It really gave me a lot to talk about because of the volunteer work and experience," she said.

Jenny also believes the student Jaycees would be a great tool to prepare for a future in the professional world and great for networking. Jason Fuller, a Clarke 2008 graduate in accounting, agrees: "Jaycees is a great way to meet people and make new friends," he said. "It is great for a resume because Jaycees is about community service. I know managers of Dubuque companies who were in Jaycees."

The tri-college chapter would look to the Dubuque chapter for guidance for the first few years to gain a better understanding of the purpose of the organization. The Dubuque chapter sponsors many activities for the community such as the July 4th fireworks, All that Jazz, Sandbox Fill, Terror at the Fair, and many more.

Students receive Sacraments of Initiation

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staff writer

Four Clarke students were welcomed into full membership in the Catholic Church at 5:30 Mass on Sunday, April 18. Amy Golm, BVM, director of Campus Ministry, prepared the students over the past academic year. "The preparation for these students has been a weekly meeting in which we have read and discussed various topics relating to the faith," said Golm. "Typically, our sessions would begin with prayer around a scripture reading, some journaling about the day's topic, followed by 'instruction' based on the questions the students brought about the topic.

Fr. Bill Joensen, Clarke chaplain, presided at the liturgy. Mass which began in the Clarke Atrium where Courtney Traser was baptized by immersion in the fountain. Mass continued in the Sacred Heart Chapel with Sacraments of Confirmation for the four and their First Communion. "I've never really had a good relationship with God but I've always wanted to," said sophomore Spanish and biology major Courtney Traser.

"My boyfriend, Tom Vant, is Catholic, and being with him helped me decide." Tom was her sponsor and is a sophomore athletic training major. Senior music education major Marypat Rieck said, "I thought about it for awhile. My sponsor, Kim Meyer, my supervisor at my job, mentioned the Church to me and encouraged me." "I felt like it was the right time for me," said sophomore biochemistry major Bryant Voss.

His sponsor was freshman music major Jill Sieverding. Junior math and secondary education major Angela Miceli said, "I missed going to church so I decided to try going to Mass here. I found a few friends who also go, and since then, we have gone to Mass every week." Her sponsor and fiancé is junior Andy Bishop, a math, English, and secondary education major.



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Four Clarke students received Sacraments of Initiation. From left: Marypat Rieck, Bryant Voss, Angela Miceli, and Courtney Traser.

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An advertisement for Clarke College summer courses. It features a blue backpack with various stickers, including "I ❤ MATH", "CRUSADER PRIDE", "CLARKE COLLEGE", "CANT TOUCH THIS", and "TREE HUGGER". The background is yellow with radiating lines. The text "Add some FLAIR to your SUMMER!" is written in a stylized font. To the right, there is a block of text: "You could just do the bare minimum this summer. Or, you could ADD SOME FLAIR by taking summer courses. Check out your options at www.clarke.edu/summer." The background of this section is orange.

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Ready, set, go! Track team sets new records.

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staff writer

Countless records have been broken this spring season by the Clarke men and women's indoor and outdoor track and field teams. Athletes typically compete in a couple of events per meet, and spend endless hours training to perfect their technique and stay physically fit. For the Clarke track and field athletes, training and setting records are only just the beginning.

The Clarke track team is a fairly new addition to Clarke. It is coached by Adam Hinders who is assisted by Jeremy Jordan, a Clarke alum who is in the graduate program in physical therapy at Clarke.

"Both teams have been improving every meet and continuously dropping times, so we are very excited as we go into the last three meets of the season," said Coach Hinders. This is Hinders' third season as head coach for the Clarke track and field teams.

The women's team made numerous additions to the school's track records this year. The women continue working as the end of the season is near with high hopes of achieving more personal and team success.

Bjorn will be working on giving a broader audience for the next generation of students through the of the semester.

Anyone interested in the station can contact Bjorn at Bjorn.Bjornstad@clarke.edu. or Pat Maddux at pat.maddux@clarke.edu.

"It's a personal challenge to be the best that I can be, striving to improve my personal record along the way," said Morgan Bradford, sophomore athletic training and physical therapy major. "I see winning meets and setting school records as mere perks to getting to do something I love."

"Our team is becoming stronger and we have many new recruits coming in for next year."

"Our team is becoming stronger and we have many new recruits coming in for next year," said Katie. "I look forward to continuing to help Clarke build the track team."

The men's team has also stormed their way through the record books this year and has broken several records this season too. A combination of individual and group effort has contributed to the team's huge success. Some of the members of the men's team joined later in the season because of prior commitments in another sport. Kraig

Moore set new school records in the javelin, sprint and distance medley, and the 4x800 relay. He is joined by Dan McNamara and Isaac Mase, who were also part of the 4x800 relay and the distance medley. Isaac also broke the indoor 800m. Rob Sheehan assisted in breaking the 4x800 as well.

Chris Nightingale and Justin Heng have also contributed to the Clarke record books. Justin broke the 4x800 relay with his previously noted teammates, the 800m record, and qualified for Nationals

in the outdoor 800m.

"We have already had three individuals qualify for the National meet so as records continue to be broken we are very excited going into the Drake Relays," said Coach Hinders.

The track and field teams competed in the Drake Relays April 24. The women's 4x400m relay ran nine seconds faster to set a new school record and also qualified for Nationals. Women's 4x800m relay also qualified for Nationals and set a new school record with 9:36.45. The men's 1600-sprint medley finished fifth and also set a new school record.

The Clarke track teams continue to have a positive attitude as they enter the last meets of the year, and hold a solid outlook for more successful seasons to come. With a young team full of hopeful and driven athletes, the possibilities are endless.



It's a knockout for women's soccer event

tina fry
campus life editor

Why would Clarke women's soccer decide to grab a random, outdated television show to make the basis of its new fund-raising foray? "The idea came from a fund-raiser my Mum participated in this past summer," said Georgina Reed, sophomore athletic training/psychology major and a member of Clarke's women's soccer team. "The fund-raiser was based on the '80s British TV Show 'It's a Knockout'."

The team was talking about fund-raising and I immediately thought of what my Mum did at her job this summer," said George, who is from England. "I spoke to her and she gave us a few ideas for challenges."

And so it began. On April 17, 2010, Clarke women's soccer held its "It's a Knockout" event. The games raised funds for women's soccer while allowing the teams to compete for a variety of prizes.

"The TV show 'It's A Knockout' was a team game show full of fun and physical challenges," said George. The original television show pitted different towns against each other, calling itself an inter-town contest of skill and strength. In the soccer team's version, groups of four could sign up to compete together. There were four valiant teams:

Capri Sun, the Four Amigos, the Spike Girls and Team Missy. For almost two hours, the competitors hopped, kicked, crawled and tripped their way around the soccer field.

The final challenge was the massive slip-n-slide down the soccer hill. The slide was covered in dish soap and water with a many soccer balls at the top. Each team had to send a member up the hill (running on

After the most painful two minutes ever witnessed on the soccer field...

plenty of battle scars.

Not wanting to have as many visual reminders of their day in scar form, the other teams took more care as soon as the slide ended. They each took 11 balls down the slide.

The Four Amigos won fourth place, Team Missy took third, Spike Girls ran off with second and the winners for the day were Capri Sun. Team members won a variety of Clarke gear and a trophy.

Kayla Baker, freshman athletic training/physical therapy major, was a member of The Four Amigos. "I think we gave it our all, even though we came in last," said Kayla.

Despite the bumps and bruises that came with the slide event, it was generally received well. "The slip-n-slide was the most fun," said Kayla. When asked about the possibility of a The Four Amigos reunion to take the top of the podium next year, Kayla said "I don't know if the team is coming, but I definitely am!"

"With any luck the women's soccer team will make this an annual fund-raiser as we don't already have an annual tradition like some other teams," said George. Based on the laughter, camaraderie and comments heard throughout the day, Clarke women's soccer may have found its new tradition.



Shannon Ford slipping down the grass at the women's soccer team's "It's a Knockout" fund-raiser.

Photo by Tina Fry



Freshman Ian Hart sliding down the slip and slide.

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—EXTRAS—

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Back to the minors for assistant baseball coach

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The assistant coach of the Clarke baseball team, Aaron Ciaburri, will be gaining valuable experience this summer as part of the coaching staff for the Gary Railcats, a minor league team located in Gary, Indiana.

The team is a member of the Northern League. Ciaburri will be a Bullpen Catcher and a visiting club house manager.

"Aaron is doing a great job for our program and the experience he is gaining working with the pro guys is translating to our club," said Clarke head baseball coach Chad Harris. "In trying to develop our program and move our kids to the next level, we need connections like this, and Aaron on landing a job in the Northern League only helps get



us closer to that goal. He has earned this opportunity."

The Gary Railcats are one of the most successful minor league teams in the country. They are the only Northern League team to reach the championship series five years in a row, (2005-2009). They also won the Northern League championship in 2005 and 2007.

Along with this, they also won divisional titles in 2006, 2007, and 2009. Several players from the Railcats have played in the major league, such as Jerome Alensworth, who spent time with the Pittsburgh Pirates, Kansas City Royals, and New York Mets.

The squad was recently boosted by the signing of Brad Halsey, a veteran of 40 major league starts with the New York Yankees, Arizona Diamondbacks, and Oakland Athletics, making "Coach Cia" not the only key new addition for the Railcats.

In existence since 1902, the Northern League is one of the most prestigious independent minor leagues in the country.

This is not Coach Ciaburri's first minor league experience, as the past two summers he has been in-

volved with the Oakland County Crusaders, formerly known as the Midwest Sliders of the Frontier League located in Waterford Township, Michigan. He filled the role of equipment manager and Bull Pen Catcher.

"I'm grateful to have the opportunity to be a part of the Gary Railcats organization," said Ciaburri. "This is also a great opportunity to continue to learn the game at the professional level and contribute to a first-class organization."



Research conference worth the work

samm mammoser
staff writer

On a dreary, rainy Friday what better to do than go to a research conference at Clarke? Last Friday, April 23, many Clarke undergrads participated in the Clarke Student Research Conference, giving presentations covering a variety of subjects. There were sessions on science, math, history and literature to name a few.

"In the beginning, it was really stressful getting everything prepared for the presentations," said Maria Covington freshman biology major. "I had to give two presentations, so I needed to make sure I remembered which information to say for which presentation. Overall it was a great learning experience and I glad I went through it."

Students said the question and answer sessions were the most daunting because they were worried about holes in their research.

All of the research, late nights in the library, and hard work were evident during the presentations. Many students have spent second semester working on their project, but for Ann Pelelo's Cornerstone students, life was a little more stressful. "I envy the students who began research in January; we couldn't," said Faith Till, freshman nursing major. "We didn't get to start research till late and Professor Pelelo worked with us in class every day to revise our presentations. In the end,

it made our presentation better, but it was extremely stressful."

The Cornerstone students spoke on an ideal society and the beliefs of Machiavelli in "The Prince" and Sir Thomas Moore in "Utopia." The class began the semester by reading the books and then deciding on their research projects. Over the past two weeks, one of the three groups has presented every day to practice and receive help from Pelelo and their classmates.

The presentations could be seen by anyone and understood even if the subject material was not their area of expertise. A math presentation by math education majors Shannon Ford and Angie Miceli demonstrated a very complicated math principle in a simple way and used the principle in a modern-day example involving the World Cup. It showed that in 2010 the United States will beat England in the World Cup, and how using math, you can find out the placement of the different teams in the pool play.

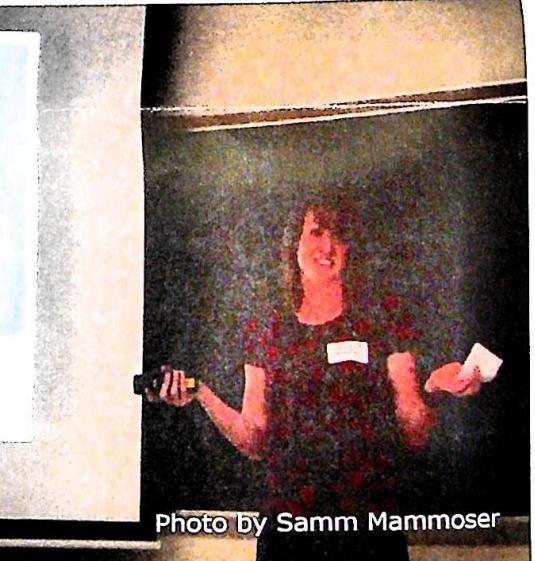


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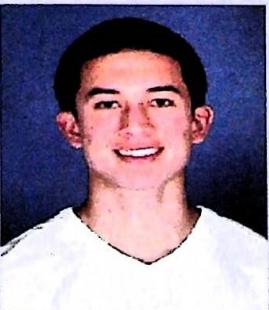


Courtney Berendes

Junior education major

"Visit Ecuador with the education department, work as much as possible, and spend as much time on the river as I can."

What are your plans for this summer?



Jonny Warlich

Freshman business major

"To go home to California, get an internship, and play basketball all summer."



Becca Bahl

Junior business major

"I hope to get an internship and work a lot so I have some spending money."